

By the King.



Whereas diuers Bakers, Brewers, Inholders, Butchers, and other Victualers through their greedy desire of vnlawfull gaine, not contented with reasonable profit in uttering and selling of Victuals vnto our Subjects in the Common Wealth, And specially in our Progresse within the Verge of our Court, where our Nobilitie, Seruants, and Traine (daily attending vpon our Person) are lodged and placed by our Harbingers, are vnlawfully exacted vpon with vnrasonable and extreme prices by the said Victualers, enhaunsing the same Victuals, Hoxlemeate, Lodgings, and all other necessaries, at a moze deere price then it was sold for before our comming in Progresse: Therefore our Will and pleasure is, and we doe hereby straitly charge and command, That euery man doe obey and keepe all such prices as is and shall be prised, Assessed, and Rated by the Clarke of the Market of our Household within the Verge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without, and the Iurie before him, or his lawfull Deputie, by vertue of his Office, Sworne and charged from time to time: The same Rates and prices not onely to be certified by our said Clarke of the Market or his Deputie, into our Compting house, But also fixed and set vpon the gaies of our Court and other places within the Verge, as well within Liberties as without: And that no manner of person or persons of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, doe in any wise pay moze for Corne, Victuals, Hoxlemeate, Lodging, or any other thing, then after the Rate and forme aforesaid, vpon paine of Imprisonment, and to be fined, with further punishment that shall thereof follow: The same paines and punishments, and euery part thereof to be executed, aswell vpon them and euery of them which doe or shall presume to utter and sell any manner of thing or things contrary to the true meaning of this our Proclamation, As vpon all those which doe or shall presume to pay any moze for any kinde of Victuals, Hoxlemeat, Lodging, or any other necessaries, then is or shall be Rated and prised as aforesaid.

And moreover we doe straitly charge and command, That no manner of person or persons, now vsing, or which hereafter shall vse, or of right ought to vse, to serue any Citie, Borough, Towne or other place, where our repose and abode is or shall be, or elswhere, within the Verge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without, with any kinde of Corne, victuals or any other necessaries, aswell vpon the Market day, as at any other time, shalbe any thing the more remisse or slacke in making of prouision for the same, then they or any of them now be, or heretofore haue bene, nor vse any colour of craft to deceiue the buyers thereof, nor hide or lay aside the same their Corne, Victuals, Hoxlemeat, Lodgings, or any other necessaries, to diminish the Market, whereby our whole Traine, within any Citie, Borough, Towne, or other the Inhabitants of the same, and other our Subjects thereunto resorting, should not be aswell serued and as plenteously furnished in euery behalfe, as it was before, or of right ought to haue bene, in defrand of this our Ordinance.

And furthermore wee straitly charge and expressly commaund all our Iustices of Peace, our Clarke of the Market, his deputie or deputies, Maiors, Bailiffes, Sherriffes, Constables, and all other our faithfull Officers, and euery of them, of Cities, Boroughs, Townes, Hundreds, and other places within the Verge of our Court, aswell within Liberties as without: From time to time, when and as often as need shall require (vpon complaint by any party iustly made) diligently euery of them within their Authorities, forthwith to endeavour themselves, to see iust punishment and due Reformation of the premisses, against such person or persons as shall offend herein, according to Justice, and prices as aforesaid.

God saue the King.

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